(*c*) The number of such tanks the atchkat of which was increased with the permission of the Public Works Department and the number under which the atchkat was increased on the initiative of the Revenue Department?

(*d*) The result of action taken by Government to investigate into the question of the inadequacy of water-supply in such tanks to irrigate both the old and new atchkat?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—10. (*a*) The question is vague.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The information is not readily available. No useful purpose will be served either by the proposed compilation of statistics. The standing orders provide for the conversion of the tail end lands on the merits of each case.

MESSRS. VENKATAVARADACHAR (Chickballapur Taluk), and J. S. THIMMARAYA SETTY (Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board).—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether drinking water wells were sunk in any of the villages at the cost of Taluk Boards and District Boards?

(*b*) The number of such wells that have now dried up in spite of heavy outlay incurred on account of them?

(*c*) Whether it is possible to improve such wells to make them useful for the public?

(*d*) The expenditure incurred either by Government or the Board to sink these wells? (A list containing these particulars to be kindly furnished.)

(*e*) The districts in which there is difficulty for drinking water in villages?

(*f*) The number of Government villages in Kolar District?

(*g*) The number of villages in which drinking water wells were sunk at the cost of Government; of these, what is the number of Adikarnataka wells?

(*h*) The number of petitions received for the last three years for sinking of wells and the names of taluks from which the petitions were received?

(*i*) The number of such petitions pending disposal and from when, and the number relating to Adikarnataka wells?

(*j*) The amount sanctioned yearwar for the last 15 years both by the Government and the District Board for the sinking of drinking water wells?

(*k*) Whether they are aware that in spite of the above expenditure, the requirements of all the villages are not met?

(*l*) Whether it is not possible to sanction sufficient grants from Government for sinking drinking water wells in all the villages in Kolar District?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A—12. (*a*) to (*l*) Government are aware that there is water difficulty in several villages, that both the Taluk Boards and District Boards have provided several villages with drinking water wells including wells for Adikarnatakas; that as regards villages which have yet to be supplied, a programme has been ordered to be prepared of wells to be taken up with funds to be contributed by Panchayets, District Boards and Government and that the needs of the villages will be attended to according to this programme; that it is not possible to give a list of representations received for water wells from time to time or pending disposal and that the needs of the Kolar District will receive due attention.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Venkatavaradachar.—

May I point out that the answer given does not contain the information that I required? I wanted information in regard to the expenditure incurred by the Government or by the Boards to sink drinking water wells and what they would be going to incur hereafter.

Second Member of Council.—

You wanted information for all the districts for the last 15 years. It is very difficult to give that information. It will take years to collect it.

Mr. Venkatavaradachar.—

I wanted information in regard to Kolar District only.

Second Member of Council.—

If you had asked information for that particular district only, it could have been given.

Mr. Siddalingappa Setty.—

With reference to answer to part (i) to the effect that it is not possible for the Government to give a list of representations received for water wells from time to time or pending disposal, who else can give the required information when the Government are unable to give it ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is impossible to furnish the information as to the number of petitions that were received during so many years.

Mr. Siddalingappa Setty.—

Cannot the officers of Government who tour round such parts furnish the information?

Second Member of Council.—

If you ask for information in regard to a particular well, then it may be possible for us to give it.

MR. ANJANEYA SETTY, (Pavagada Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) The number of regular appeals and revision cases on the file of Government for the past three years?

(*b*) How many of these cases were disposed of after hearing the arguments of both the parties ?

(*c*) How many were disposed of *ex-parte* ?

(*d*) Whether or not the regular cases are disposed of after issuing notices to both the parties and what is the rule ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) 1925-26 130
1926-27 155
1927-28 186
(*b*) 1925-26 22
1926-27 7
1927-28 41
(*c*) 1925-26 108
1926-27 148
1927-28 145